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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Katsumi OKOUCHI  
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**REPLY AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, Applicant provides the following arguments in favor of patentability of the pending claims. None of the pending claims has been currently amended.